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COUNTRY: (U) SOUTH AFRICA (SF).

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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA--SOUTH AFRICAN
PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA GAVE THE UMKHONTO WE SIZWE (MK)
RECRUITS A SEVEN DAY ULTIMATUM TO RETURN TO THEIR BASE. (U)
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SUMMARY: (U) SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA GAVE
UMKKHONTO WE SIZWE TROOPS A SEVEN DAY ULTIMATUM TO RETURN
TO THEIR BASE OR FACE DISMISSAL FROM THE SOUTH AFRICA N
NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE. NO FIRM CONCESSIONS WERE MADE TO
COAX THE SOLDIERS BACK.

TEXT: 1. (C) MANDELA SLAMS TROOPS. SOUTH AFRICAN
PRESIDENT NELSON ((MANDELA)) GAVE THE APPROXIMATELY 2,500
MEMBERS OF THE UMKHONTO WE SIZWE (MK) WHO WERE STILL ABSENT
WITHOUT LEAVE, SEVEN DAYS TO RETURN TO THEIR BASE OR FACE
DISMISSAL FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE
(SANDF). AFTER A VISIT TO THE WALLMANNSTAL BASE, AT A
PRESS CONFERENCE, MANDELA STATED THAT DISCIPLINARY RULES IN
THE FUTURE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO, AND ANY MK RECRUIT
FOUND GUILTY OF NOT KEEPING TO THESE RULES WOULD BE
DISMISSED.

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2. (U) MANDELA'S RESPONSE TO MK GRIEVANCES. MANDELA INDICATED THAT THE SOLDIER'S DEMANDS WERE RECEIVING ATTENTION AND DISCUSSED THESE DEMANDS, BUT NO FIRM CONCESSIONS WERE MADE TO THE FORMER GUERRILLAS. MANDELA STATED THAT HE HAD GIVEN ORDERS TO THE DEFENSE COMMAND COUNCIL OF THE SANDF AND TO ARMY CHIEF GENERAL GEORG MEIRING TO ADDRESS THE AZANIAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (APLA) AND MK PERCEPTIONS THAT THEY WERE NOT BEING INTEGRATED, BUT ABSORBED, AND THAT THE PROCESS WAS DRAGGING ON TOO LONG. ON THE SUBJECT OF LOW PAY, MANDELA SAID THAT THERE WAS NOTHING THAT COULD BE DONE BEFORE THE NATIONAL BUDGET NEXT YEAR. IN RESPONSE TO THE SOLDIERS' COMPLAINT OF RACISM AMONG WHITE MEMBERS OF THE SANDF AND DEMAND THAT DEFENSE MINISTER JOE ((MODISE)) AND SANDF CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL SIPHIWE ((NYANDA)) RESIGN, MANDELA ASKED THE DEFENSE COMMAND COUNCIL TO ENSURE THAT SANDF OFFICIALS TREAT THE FORMER GUERRILLAS WITH SENSITIVITY. IN RESPONSE TO THE MK'S DEMAND FOR NYANDA AND MODISE'S RESIGNATION, MANDELA REPLIED THAT THEY ARE PEOPLE WHOSE CREDENTIALS ARE ABOVE REPROACH.

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